



SPECIAL SEWAGE-IN-THE-WAVENEY UPDATE

The stink continues over Anglia Water's raw sewage discharges into the Waveney, as new data reveals sewage flowed into the river at Bungay for over 1,000 hours in 2021.



CANOEIST JESSE TIMBERLAKE

SECRET SEWER PIPES FOUND IN RIVER

Canoeist Jesse Timberlake took to the river to investigate. He discovered three main points where the sewers enter the river, at Earsham Street, Bridge Street, and Nethergate Street.

Flushable wet wipes and other nasties

- were clear to see near the pipe on Earsham Street.
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- **“MY CHILDREN SWIM IN THE WAVENEY, THIS MUST STOP, NOW”** said Jesse.
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Bungay households pay approx £300 per year for sewage services. On average £132 of that gets pocketed by Anglian Water shareholders, and some of the sewage is simply dumped in the river.

GREEN PARTY LEADER ADRIAN RAMSAY JOINS BUNGAY CAMPAIGNERS

Leader of the national Green Party Adrian Ramsay visited Bungay in January to campaign on this issue. Bungay resident Olly Barnes has a sewer pipe running through his garden to the riverbank.

- **“I’VE SEEN TOILET PAPER AND SANITARY PRODUCTS COMING OUT OF THE PIPE. IT’S DISGUSTING, AND IS SPOILING OUR BEAUTIFUL RIVER”**
- said Olly.
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ADRIAN RAMSAY WITH NETHERGATE ST RESIDENT OLLY BARNES

WHY IS THIS ALLOWED TO HAPPEN?

Our ageing and overloaded drainage systems mix sewage with rainwater, so they quickly overflow when it rains. This can be fixed, but will cost a lot of money. Privatised Anglian Water has paid out over **£5.1 BILLION** in dividends to its shareholders since 2010. So they can well afford to fix this. Efforts in Westminster to get them to clean up their act were voted down by the Conservatives at the end of last year.



“EAST ANGRIER” CAMPAIGN GROUP PROTESTING AT DISS MERE

GETTING TO THE SOURCE

Sewage discharges happen right along the River Waveney, starting near its source at Diss.

In February, Bungay campaigner Toby Hammond and daughter Flora (8) joined with the “East Angrier” campaign group holding a protest at Diss Mere, where plenty of locals there are equally upset

- about MPs’ inaction on this issue.
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- **“A LOCAL CAMPAIGN TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES OF RAW SEWAGE ENTERING THE RIVER IS NOW VITAL IN BUNGAY”**
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- Katie Utting, River Project Officer, River Waveney Trust

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

- 1. Join our campaign:** We are planning a family-friendly protest in Bungay on Sat 21st May. To find out more just text or WhatsApp 07717 314171
- 2. Write to Peter Aldous MP** to tell him why you care about this (he didn't support a bill to force water companies to clean up their act last year) peter.aldous.mp@parliament.uk
- 3. Write to Peter Simpson the Anglian Water CEO** to tell him to do more psimpson@anglianwater.co.uk

UKRAINE: HOW TO HELP



Green councillors elected in Beccles and Halesworth have been pushing Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council to offer shelter to families who have been brutally displaced by war, and locally many residents have been in touch wanting to help.

Here are some of the activities which have been happening in support of Ukraine locally. These are not Green Party organised or meant to be party-political. We are including them here to help publicise ways to help.

Goods sent to Ukraine

Upon the outbreak of war, spontaneous collections and dispatch of donated humanitarian goods such as blankets and clothes happened across the Waveney valley, including village initiatives in Mettingham and Shipmeadow.

Focus on raising money

Over £3,500 was raised for the Ukraine Red Cross / DEC Appeal at the Fisher Theatre on 9th March, which was hosted by new Theatre Manager Ben Blyth alongside Kate Jackson, bringing together leading figures in the local artistic community for an evening of live music, poetry, art, and comedy.

Hosting refugees

Anyone interested in sponsoring a refugee family to come to the UK can register with the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. Also a great source of local information on helping refugees is <https://suffolkrefugee.org.uk/our-response-to-the-situation-in-ukraine/>

The first Ukrainian refugees to arrive in our area landed on 20th March. Masha Kolonieci and her four year old daughter Lisa, from Kharkiv in Eastern Ukraine are staying in Shipmeadow at the Wilderley Resort. Host Celeste Goschen said: *"Remember that fleeing Ukrainians will be traumatised when they arrive, and you need to make sure that your families are a good match if you are going to successfully share your home"*. Celeste is publishing a free guide for potential refugee sponsors based on her experiences at www.wilderley.com



GREEN DRAGON GREEN DRINKS

The monthly Bungay Green Drinks events continue at the Green Dragon. The next few dates are May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th, starting from 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along, whatever your shade of green and these are social events, not meetings!

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